

IC 15-2.1-4

Chapter 4. Personnel

IC 15-2.1-4-1

State veterinarian; appointment

Sec. 1. State Veterinarian—Appointment. The chief administrative officer of the board shall be the state veterinarian who shall be appointed by the board with the approval of the governor.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-2

State veterinarian; qualifications

Sec. 2. State Veterinarian—Qualifications. The state veterinarian:

(a) shall be a graduate of a recognized veterinary college;

(b) shall be licensed and accredited to practice veterinary medicine in Indiana;

(c) shall have not less than five (5) years' experience as a general practitioner of veterinary medicine or as a veterinary administrator, or a combination thereof; and

(d) may not be a member of the board.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-3

State veterinarian; term

Sec. 3. State Veterinarian—Term. Beginning May 1, 1977, the state veterinarian shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-4

State veterinarian; vacancy

Sec. 4. State Veterinarian—Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of state veterinarian shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as for a full term.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-5

State veterinarian; duties

Sec. 5. In addition to being chief administrative officer of the board, the state veterinarian:

(1) shall serve as secretary of the board and shall provide technical advice and assistance to the board of veterinary medical examiners; and

(2) shall perform the duties delegated by the board to the state veterinarian.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1. Amended by Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.8; P.L.165-1985, SEC.7.

IC 15-2.1-4-6

State veterinarian; organization of board

Sec. 6. The state veterinarian may, subject to the approval of the

board, organize the personnel and functions of the board into divisions and subdivisions and delegate responsibilities to those divisions and employees to carry out the state veterinarian's powers and duties and the powers and duties of the board. The state veterinarian may consolidate, divide, or abolish from time to time such divisions and subdivisions as may be necessary to carry out such powers and duties.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.124-2001, SEC.79.

IC 15-2.1-4-7

State veterinarian; salary

Sec. 7. State Veterinarian—Salary. The salary of the state veterinarian shall be fixed by the board with the approval of the governor.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-8

Employees; appointment

Sec. 8. The board:

- (1) may appoint one (1) assistant state veterinarian; and
- (2) shall appoint other employees as necessary to carry out this article.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.124-2001, SEC.80.

IC 15-2.1-4-9

Employees; non-partisan

Sec. 9. Employees—Non-partisan. All employees of the board shall be selected on a non-partisan basis and may not be discharged for political reasons.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-10

Employees; salaries

Sec. 10. Employees—Salaries. The salary of all employees shall be fixed according to law.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-11

Employees; expenses

Sec. 11. Employees—Expenses. Employees are entitled to receive their necessary transportation and per diem expenses while away from their official station and performing their official duties.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1.

IC 15-2.1-4-12

Prohibited fees; private practice

Sec. 12. (a) An employee may not receive or collect any fee or other payment for any services rendered as an employee.

(b) To learn professional skills and become familiar with new developments in the field of veterinary medicine, the state veterinarian or other veterinarian employed by the board may, in an individual capacity as a licensed veterinarian and not in an official capacity as a board employee, engage in the private practice of veterinary medicine if the private practice of veterinary medicine does not interfere with the employee's performance of duties as an employee of the board or does not otherwise violate state laws governing ethics and conflicts of interest. The board may impose conditions or restrictions on the practice of veterinary medicine by its employees to facilitate the performance of board duties and compliance with state ethics laws. The state is not liable for any act performed by the state veterinarian or other employee performed in this capacity.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.124-2001, SEC.81.

IC 15-2.1-4-13

State veterinarian; employees; removal

Sec. 13. The state veterinarian and any other nonmerit employee may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the entire membership of the board. If the board votes to remove a nonmerit employee, that employee shall be notified of that decision in writing, and before the removal becomes effective, the employee shall have ten (10) days within which to make a written request for a public hearing in regard thereto. However, the board is not required to hold a hearing unless requested to do so by the nonmerit employee. If no request for a hearing is made, removal shall become effective upon the expiration of the ten (10) day period. If request for a hearing is made, a public hearing shall be held at the office of the board within ten (10) days after the request is received by the board, and the employee may not be removed until after the hearing has been held and a decision has been rendered by the board. A merit employee may be removed under IC 4-15-2.

As added by Acts 1976, P.L.59, SEC.1. Amended by Acts 1977, P.L.166, SEC.17; P.L.165-1985, SEC.8.